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Applicant : Andrew Kerr
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AMENDMENT

Sir:

This amendment is submitted in response to the Official Action dated August 28, 2002. Please amend the application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Cancel claim 1. Amend claims 2-4 and add claims 25-27 to read as follows:

2. The endovascular stent/graft assembly of claim 25, wherein the first axial end of the tubular graft means is sufficiently overlapped with the second axial end of the stent means to achieve secure affixation between the stent means and the tubular graft means.

3. The endovascular stent/graft assembly of claim 25, wherein the first axial end of the tubular graft means and the second axial end of the stent means are affixed by bonding.